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EXAMINING GROUP 3736**

**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/977,401 ) Examiner: D. J. MCCROSKY  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 5, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants request reconsideration of this application based on the **Remarks** beginning on page 2. The two-month date that applies to a response to this final Office Action extends to July 6, 2004 (the date of this filing), as July 5, 2004 was a Federal Holiday.